



San Juan Mountains Association Alpine Ambassadors

The San Juan Mountains Association (SJMA) is hiring two public lands ambassadors to work in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management educating Alpine Loop OHV visitors to stay on trail, utilize “leave no trace” practices, track user numbers, and monitor tundra conditions throughout the alpine wonderland of the Alpine Loop outside Silverton, CO.

Field Office: Silverton, CO

Project locations: Alpine Loop BLM land between Silverton and Lake City, CO

Season: Early-June through Labor Day, extension into September possible

Position Summary

SJMA is recruiting for skilled and proactive public lands enthusiasts who can operate independently across the Alpine Loop connecting Silverton, Lake City, Ouray, CO to make public contacts, promote Stay the Trail principles, help implement volunteer projects, and conduct environmental monitoring. This is a unique opportunity for applicants with prior ranger, trail crew or youth corps experience to help protect some of Colorado’s most iconic locations while taking the next step towards a career in public lands management. The Ambassadors will work under the supervision of a field manager. The crew will work as a team to help provide an educational presence and conduct a variety of stewardship activities. Primary duties will focus on public outreach, user tracking, and trash clean up. Ambassadors will receive a broad spectrum of relevant training and will end the season with a wide range of stewardship experience. This is a rewarding experience for the right applicant who will make an immediate impact on the land and build lifelong memories in some of Colorado’s most spectacular landscapes.





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Work Environment

Work is performed primarily in the field, often in remote locations utilizing off-highway vehicles. Positions will be Full Time (40 Hours/week) during the field season (June – September) and will generally follow a mostly Thursday-Sunday four 10 hour day schedule. Light office duties will be performed at assigned work locations. Safety equipment is required when using tools, and will be provided in accordance with applicable federal job hazard analyses. Field work includes risk of injury from falls, strains, and insect bites, and includes exposure to inclement weather.

Summary of Essential Job Functions

- Interacting and interfacing with the motorized recreation community
- Must be able to drive off-highway vehicles through high-country (often very) rough roads
- Travel and work in remote settings.
- Maintain organized and complete records
- Recording trail conditions
- Public contact, visitor services, and public lands education
- Maintain Positive attitude while working in inclement weather at high elevation (8,000-13,000 ft)

Knowledge/Abilities

- Prior public lands, trail crew or ranger experience preferred but not required
- Knowledgeable about or active participant in off-highway travel (UTV, Dirt bike, Jeep, ATV)
- Demonstrated outdoor leadership experience
- Knowledge of public lands principles, concepts, policies
- Ability to work under challenging physical conditions
- Valid state-issued Driver's License and reliable transportation
- Positive attitude!

To apply, email a resume, cover letter and references to dtaft@sjma.org